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The
FLORIDA BUGGIST

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ciety—60c per year in advance; 15c per copy.

It is the earnest desire of the editors that our members, and
especially those outside of Gainesville, should send in brief para-
graphs for the Buggist. Nearly every member must run across
things that would be of general interest. We desire also any
personal items concerning our members or other entomologists
who may be in Florida. These notes should reach us by the
tenth of the month of publication, March tenth for the next issue.

Please note the 25% increase in size of the Buggist this instar.
With the new volume we expect to molt and come out with en-
tirely new headgear.

Aphids, especially *Myzus persicae*, the Garden Aphid, seem to
be more numerous than usual at this time of the year. This is
probably due to the unusual amount of damp cold weather dur-
ing the past month which has checked their parasites and pre-
dators.

The colony of *Delphastes catalinae*, the whitefly-eating lady-
beetle introduced from California into a grove near Bradentown
by the Station Entomologist, is reported to be spreading at a
highly satisfactory and encouraging rate.

A BRANCH OF THE SOCIETY IN FT. MYERS

Altho less than two years old our society is about to have a
branch and it is larger than was the parent society at the time of
birth. Twelve men in Ft. Myers have formed "The Lee
County Entomological Society" and have applied for member-
ship as a branch society. The members are S. B. Walker, Pres.;
Fritz Fuchs, Vice-Pres.; Roy Thompson, Secretary and Treasur-
er; C. A. Bass, R. G. Bateman, W. L. Benedict, F. S. Ballentine,
R. G. Oliphant, P. F. Robertson, J. L. Sheldon, A. S. White, all of

Ft. Myers, and A. H. Andrews of Estero. Five of the men have been members of our society for some time and the president is a charter member. Most of the men are connected with the State Plant Board.

The society meets once each week and in addition to other work they are studying Sanderson and Jackson's text book on entomology.

It was the Editor's good fortune to meet with them the last week in October. A more wide-awake and earnest group of men would be hard to find. Men who will spend the whole of a summer day in Florida in a grove looking for citrus canker and then spend the evening studying entomology will be heard from.

May the branch grow as has the parent.

AS OTHERS SEE US

Under the heading "The Florida Entomological Society and Its New Organ," the Entomological News of Philadelphia in its November issue gives a brief notice of our society and The Bug-gist, concluding with, "No richer field for the cultivation of entomology than the Southeastern States exist, and such a society as that of Florida ought to flourish as the whitefly, the sweet potato root weevil and the Anopheles mosquito which their members discuss in their new journal. May they succeed in eradicating these insect pests and their society and Buggist widen our knowledge for many years to come."

PERSONALS

Our first Secretary-Treasurer, R. N. Wilson, now Agricultural Demonstration Agent for Palm Beach County, who met with a serious automobile accident, is now out again.

Prof. W. S. Blatchley, former State Geologist of Indiana and author of several papers on Florida insects, who addressed us last winter, passed thru Gainesville on November 30 bound for his winter home in Dunedin.

Mr. C. H. Popenoe of the U. S. Bur. Ent., Washington, is now in Florida in connection with extension work on the sweet-potato root weevil in cooperation with the Experiment Station and the State Plant Board.

Dr. E. A. Back, also of the Bureau, was in Gainesville the first of the month making arrangements for an extension entomologist to take up storage insects and especially the corn weevil in cooperation with the University.